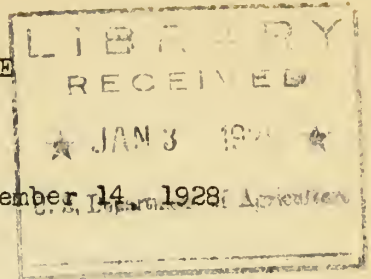


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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The Liverpool auction for American apples on Wednesday, December 12, was characterized by an active demand for United States barreled apples, supplies of which were light because of the wreck of the Steamship "Celtic", according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Boxed apple supplies are moderate and the demand is improving, states Mr. Smith.

Virginia York Imperials were actively competed for, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock bringing from \$6.81 to \$7.66 as compared with \$6.45 to \$6.81 last week. There was also an active demand for the light supplies of Maine Baldwins although the fruit in general was in variable condition. Good condition stock brought from \$7.06 to \$7.30 per barrel for U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch fruit. The light offerings of Maine Ben Davis and Starks were also actively competed for. Moderate supplies of Nova Scotian barreled apples were offered and sold well at last week's levels.

Oregon Spitzenbergs from the Hood River district were in liberal supply but met with a good demand. Extra Fancy stock, sizes 150/175, ranging from \$2.55 to \$2.62 per box as compared with \$2.43 last week. The same size and grade of Washington Jonathans, supplies of which were light, ranged from \$2.80 to \$2.92 per box. There was an active demand for the light supplies available of Oregon Delicious and Yellow Newtowns. Extra Fancy Delicious, sizes 150/175, brought from \$3.10 to \$3.16 while the same size and grade Yellow Newtowns brought \$3.53. There was an improvement in the demand for California Newtowns.

American apples on the Glasgow market this week sold slightly below the Liverpool levels. The London market paid about 50 cents a barrel more than Liverpool for American stock, but boxed varieties on that market were about 25 cents a box below the Liverpool level. The general curtailment in Christmas festivities on account of the King's illness is having a depressing effect upon trade in Great Britain, states Mr. Smith.

Prices paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday,
December 5 and December 12

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		December 5	December 12
BARRELS - Apples		Dollars	Dollars
York Imperials:			
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Virginia	6.45 - 6.81	6.81 - 7.66
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ inch	"	a/	6.81 - 7.30
Baldwins:			
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Maine	b/ 5.60 - 6.08	7.06 - 7.30
U. S. No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	b/ 5.11 - 5.35
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ inch	"	7.30	a/
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	b/ 4.87 - 5.47
Ben Davis:			
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	6.57
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Virginia	5.84 - 6.08	a/
Starks:			
U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Maine	a/	c/ 5.96
BOXES - Apples			
Jonathans:			
Extra Fancy, 150/175	Washington	a/	2.80 - 2.92
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller ..	"	a/	2.80 - 2.86
Fancy, 150/175	"	a/	2.68 - 2.74
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	a/	2.49 - 2.68
Winesaps:			
C grade, 150/180	"	a/	2.13 - 2.19
Spitzenbergs:	Hood River		
Extra Fancy, 150/175	Oregon	2.43	2.55 - 2.62
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller ..	"	a/	2.25 - 2.43
Fancy, 150/175	"	2.19	2.25 - 2.37
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	a/	2.13 - 2.25
Delicious:			
Extra Fancy, 150/175	Oregon	2.74	3.10 - 3.16
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller ..	"	a/	3.04
Fancy, 150/175	"	2.43	2.74 - 2.92
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	a/	2.68
Yellow Newtowns:			
Extra Fancy, 150/175	Oregon	3.16	3.53
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller ..	"	2.92	3.04
Fancy, 150/175	"	2.92	3.04 - 3.10
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.68	2.92
Fancy, 150/175	California	a/	2.55 - 2.74
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	a/	2.19 - 2.49
BOXES - Pears			
Winter Nellis:			
Extra Fancy	Oregon	a/	4.01 - 4.26
Fancy	"	a/	3.41 - 3.65
Extra Fancy	Washington	3.89 - 4.14	3.89 - 4.14
CASES - Grapefruit			
Florida	Florida	3.47 - 4.26	3.16 - 3.83
Jamaica	Jamaica	3.14 - 3.28	d/ 2.68

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ Poor condition. c/ Fair condition. d/ Variable condition.

